Investigation report of bomb blast at Madras

1226. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigation of a powerful bomb blast in the RSS Office at Madras last year ruled out the involvement of Pakistani militants (ISI);

(b) if so, whether those identified as the main accused have fled to Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether Government was able to track down the persons involved in the blast in Madras RSS Office; and

(d) whether action has been taken against the accused persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) During the investigation of the case relating to bomb blast in the RSS Headquartes of Madras, evidence of involvement of Pakistani Agents has not come on record. 12 accused persons have been arrested during the course of investigation and presently they are in judicial custody. The presence of one more accused was secured through Court. Five accused person are absconding. They have been declared proclaimed offenders by the Court. Efforts to arrest them are continuing. Chargesheet has been filed against all the 18 accused persons in the Designated Court. The case is pending trial.

Minimising period of detention of under trial prisoners

1227. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Jail Manual;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to release the under trial prisoners if the investigation or trial of their cases exceeds more than one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) 'Prison' being a State subject, it is primarily for the State Governments to review the position of the undertrials in jails vis-a-vis the judicial system.

Research on Indian Languages

1228. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of progress of the Scheme of Intensification of Research on Indian Langauges on the basis of Data under the Registrar General of India;

(b) how much work has been done on Sanskrit and English languages under this scheme;

(c) what are the reasons for not continuing the original scheme and to finance it from own funds after the Indo Canadian project was abandoned.

(d) what has happened to the unfinished work done before the scheme was abandoned; and

(e) whether Government have any intention to revive the said study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The Plan project 'Intensification of Research on Indian Languages on the basis of Census Data' has four separate scheme. The details of the schemes and the progress made are given in the statement enclosed. (See below)

(b) A revised questionnaire has been developed for Sanskrit and English languages and is presently being protested in the field.